

A VALENTINE.

(Written by a married man.)
Into my presence came just now
A little child—I know not how.

ABRAHAM LINCOLN.



On the 12th of February, 1809, in the wilderness of Linn County, Kentucky, was born one of the best and greatest men that ever lived—Abraham Lincoln.

The young man, whose name was Atwood—"Mr. Thomas Atwood," as he was called by the landlady—was disposed to talk as he went on eating his breakfast.

MEG'S VALENTINE.

MEG was only one of the "hands" in the great factory of Weaver & Co., and with about the same regularity as the machinery she performed her daily tasks.



which was savored of independence was not a thing to lightly pass over. On the morning in question, the landlady, much to Meg's surprise, greeted her in an affable manner.

AND, AT LAST, SHE LET HIM GO.
When he handed her an envelope containing a letter—her first letter—that something had befallen her lover, and she felt her way back to the little parlor and with shaking hands tore the letter open.

Just was all; only the story of two humble lovers, and to-day Meg is again in the factory. But, as I said, back of her soft gray eyes is a something which is too sad for speech, too deep for tears.

MAKING LINCOLN PRESENTABLE

Mrs. Lincoln "Fixed Up" the President-elect to Meet a Delegation.
In narrating "When Lincoln Was First Inaugurated," in the Ladies' Home Journal, Stephen Fiske writes interestingly of the memorable journey from Springfield, Ill., to the national capital.

Love Lottery Day.

One of the most charming and at the same time plausible versions of the relation of the modern valentine idea to that devoted Christian martyr, St. Valentine, is the following:
The early Christian fathers, in their attempts to conciliate their pagan compatriots, with most commendable tact and insight utilized many of the popular forms of mythological celebrations to commemorate Christian events.

WHERE ABE PRACTICED LAW.

Old Courthouse at Lincoln, Ill., Has Connection with the Martyr.
The city of Lincoln, Ill., still contains one building in which Abraham Lincoln practiced law over forty years ago.



ization of the county as a separate local district and until his nomination for the presidency, Mr. Lincoln was one of the lawyers in attendance, and that he was a favorite with the people of the county is evidenced by the fact that the city bears his name.

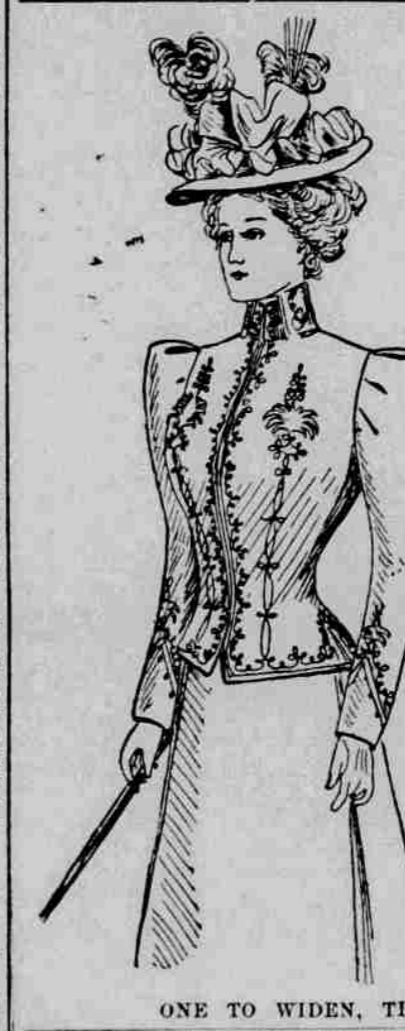
TIGHT FITS IN FAVOR

REACTION FROM THE LOOSE BLOUSE HAS SET IN.

Winter Colors in Tailor Rigs—Position of Waist Fastening and Its Effect—Advantages Derived from the Vogue for White at the Throat.

Fads of Pickle Fashion.

LANCING over the fashionable promenade one will observe that a concession to winter is made in many of the tailor rigs in the matter of color, and was made in the rig pictured beside the initial.



ONE TO WIDEN, THE OTHER TO NARROW.

side garment. So the tight-fitting bodice is again in favor. It is made so frankly tight-fitting that no one is going to imagine it comes off to show another bodice underneath.



BLAZER, VINTAGE OF '96.

and down the middle of the front of the bodice tends to widen the figure, especially if at either side of the fastening there be bust ornamentation, while the side-fastened jacket always adds to the round of the bust and the slenderness of the waist.

a taper waist is of more value than the suggestion of extreme youth, will fasten hers to one side. There must be either ease be braiding at the cuffs and collar, but the sleeves should finish in plain coat fashion.

Blazer and open jacket effects seem out only to be reviewed for the sake of the women who think they look best with white linen at the throat.



TUNED FOR LOOKS SOLELY.

Because the Russian blouse has been used impartially as either a bodice or an over garment, there is rather a revolt against it just now, especially when the stylish woman wishes it understood that she is out without an out-



band of scarlet cloth, over which was laid an open net braided in black. The red showed through with very pretty effect. The same idea carried out with black braid over white is stunning, but is colder-looking. As sketched, it was put on green cloth.

Though furs that are worn for warmth are scarce, rather more than the usual quantity of peltry is worn because of its dressiness. A great many fur garments that are little more than accessories are worn, and handsome affairs most of them are, their richness suggesting stores of other fine furs that the wearer may not possess at all.

Scissors and Corsets an Escutcheon.

One day in 1730 a beautiful carriage appeared on the boulevards of Paris with a pair of corsets and an open pair of scissors painted on the panel of each door.